

AMERICA AS ARBITER DESIRED BY PERU

Tacna-Arica Plebiscite Rejected,
as Chile Has Deported
Most Peruvians.

TOO LATE BY 40 YEARS

Report That Revolutionary
Troops Defeated Government
Forces Denied in Lima.

SANTIAGO, Chile, Dec. 14 (Associated Press).—It is considered almost certain in official circles at Lima that the Peruvian Government will reject the Chilean proposal to participate in a plebiscite for the provinces of Tacna and Arica, says a Lima despatch to the *Nacion*. It adds that Peru's reply will be couched in such language as to leave the door open to further negotiations.

The despatch says it is understood that Peru's attitude is that the lapse of nearly forty years since the signing of the treaty of Ancon, providing for the holding of such a plebiscite, has invalidated the stipulations of that instrument in so far as they apply to the plebiscite, and that arbitration remains as the sole method of solving the difficulty. It adds that it is probable Peru will insist on the designation of the United States as mediator or arbiter in the dispute.

A report in circulation here that the Lima Government had asked the United States Embassy there to confirm, through the United States Embassy at Santiago, the authenticity of the Chilean note, led to the belief in some quarters here that if Peru should reply to the note its reply would be made through American diplomatic channels. There was much conjecture here to-day regarding Peru's action.

LIMA, Peru, Dec. 14 (Associated Press).—Arbitration by the United States of the difficulties between Peru and Chile over the provinces of Tacna and Arica was suggested editorially to-day by the *Prensa*, the Peruvian Government organ. The newspaper characterizes the invitation of the Chilean Government to hold a plebiscite in these provinces in accordance with the terms of the treaty of Ancon, as "a gross insult following the deportation of Peruvians from the captured provinces."

The report that revolutionary troops operating in eastern Peru had defeated the Government forces in battle on December 11, quoted in a wireless message published by the newspaper *La Nacion*.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—Neither the Chilean nor the Peruvian representatives here were in receipt of any advice from their governments to-day regarding the proposal of Chile to submit the disposition of Tacna-Arica to a plebiscite. The State Department at this time without information regarding the new situation.

**50 SISTERS OF MERCY
HOMELESS BY FLAMES**

Escape With Only Clothing
From Novitia Near Beacon.

BEACON, N. Y., Dec. 14.—Fifty Sisters of Mercy at the Ursuline Novitia at Van Wyck Lake, four miles from here, escaped with only their clothing when the large frame building was burned early to-night. Several Sisters who were in the second story had considerable difficulty in reaching a place of safety. They were given shelter at the home of Henry Morgenstern, Jr.

The fire was discovered at 7:30 o'clock, and although the fire department here was summoned the building was destroyed before the firemen arrived. The loss is estimated at \$60,000.

Fire Record

A. M.
12:20—2165 Amsterdam av.: Bernard Loos, Silverstein.
1:30—37 West 28th st.: Kleiman & Lemons.
2:10—40 Stuyvesant st.: Joseph Baruch.
3:00—623 1st av.: auto.
3:30—Beaver and New sts.: new building.
6:30—Manhattan end of Queensboro Bridge: automobile truck; Gimbel Brothers.
7:40—1875 Webster av., Bronx: Harry Fishman.
8:00—506 West 122d st.: Neering Brothers.
10:25—324 Greenwich st.: C. Mason Tea Company.
P. M.
1:15—374 East 10th st.: Harry Rubin.
7:10—50 Greene st.: United States Trucking Corporation.
7:15—225th st. and White Plains av.: auto; Frank Lomazero.
7:15—9 East 29th st.: Goldford Brothers.
7:30—506 East 19th st.: New York Woodwork Company.
8:50—440 East 125th st.: The Bronx.
9:00—17 West 17th st.: Wertheim Mandel.
9:40—323 West 11th st.: Isaac Reese, Trifling.

OTTO H. KAHN FINDS TRANSIT PLEA FAIR

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tion toward the scheme shall have been shown in actual practice to be a benevolent one. He will be "from Missouri": he will want to be shown.

Unless the property of such investors be "earmarked under the law," Mr. Kahn insisted, thus insuring to their retention to their clear title, there can be no way to force them to relinquish it.

"Investors Want Safety."

"The owners of traction securities have become very much chagrined," said Mr. Kahn. "They are not looking for fat dividends or coupons any more. They want safety, a reasonable return and that is all they want. Now, when over the time comes when you can show them you can give them that and a sound sleep at night without waking in the morning to find their investment depreciated, I think they will jump at it. In the meanwhile, until you can convince them of that, it is perfectly feasible to go ahead with the principle of your plan, keeping the priorities alive until you can deal with them."

His third main point, the witness said, was the problem of providing the money for the rehabilitation, equipment and improvement of the unified and symmetrical system, which Mr. Shearn estimated at an absolute minimum of \$50,000,000. This could not be done, Mr. Kahn thought, by the creation of new bond issues, for the reasons already indicated. One possible way would be to use frankly the credit of the city. "But," said the witness, "I think you would be reluctant to take that way."

The other feasible way and the one he seemed to favor was to leave to the existing security holders the raising of the new capital, "inasmuch as it is manifestly in their own interest to put their properties in such shape that they can be economically and efficiently administered."

Mr. Shearn asked if it would not be reasonable to request existing bondholders to help furnish the working capital by clipping off one or two interest coupons, foregoing their interest, and holding the coupon with their lien as security. Because of his position as a trustee for his fellow bondholders, Mr. Kahn begged to be excused from answering the question specifically. He did say, however, that it would be a perfectly feasible thing. Whether it is a proposition which the security holders would wish to accept he did not think he ought to attempt to judge. Speaking for himself as a security holder, he "would give very sympathetic consideration to any fair concession he might be asked to make."

Mr. Kahn agreed with Dwight W. Morrow, J. P. Morgan & Co., that the city should have due representation in management and control of the traction situation. He said he found no horrors in that prospect.

"We are living in a democracy," said Mr. Kahn, "and it seems to me fundamentally wrong to say anybody is afraid to have important properties put partially under public and partially under private authority. The more our public authorities learn in the way of running important properties, of how business is conducted, the better it is all around. I attach no importance whatever to the criticism which I believe has been made here. I should not be afraid of politics dominating your board of control as projected. I think it is workable and fair. I see no reason why politics should creep in, but if it were to be feared, I say, 'Well, you have got to face it anyhow and test it.'"

Mr. Kahn heartily approved the elimination of all speculation from the local transit field. Of the proposed unification of control of the eighty different companies he said he thought it indispensable and also that it ought to effect considerable economies. Municipal ownership as a prerequisite of a common fare and of pooled earnings he regarded as plainly inevitable.

Replying to Chairman McAnany's question concerning the raising of working capital that the bonds which the commission proposes to create "would be guaranteed by the operation of the system," Mr. Kahn said that, for instance, or whether earnings should fall off to an extent to jeopardize the fixed charges and the sinking fund.

"We do not expect," said Mr. McAnany, "any initial expense or any running expense that requires temporary financing particularly out of the ordinary or of a nature that will not readily be met out of operating returns, and we have no idea that any such temporary need would affect the fare question. We hope that through the general operation of the plan in its other features, the fare question may remain undisturbed."

Dislikes Barometer Fund.

George E. Warren, vice-president of the Columbia Trust Company, testified, representing security holders' protection committees of the Broadway and Seventh Avenue line, the Second Avenue system, the Columbus and Ninth Avenue and the Atlantic Avenue, Brooklyn. He also endorsed the commission's plan. He criticized the barometer fund to possible fare reduction, however, and suggested that any excess earnings might better be devoted to the more speedy amortization of the property.

John Candler Cobb of Boston was another who approved the tentative plan. He is chairman of a committee representing two-thirds of the holders of the 5 per cent. income bonds of the New York Railways Company, amounting to more than \$20,000,000 of the \$30,000,000 of bonds outstanding. Mr. Cobb also has been a director of the

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Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD. CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Dec. 14.—Out of 309 awards of scholarships announced at Harvard to-night, thirty-seven were received by residents of New York. More than \$860,000 was allotted in scholarships for undergraduates in Harvard College and the Harvard Engineering School.

The four scholarships of the Harvard Club of New York city were assigned to Paul Atkinson, '25, of Eastside, L. I.; Kimball Gray, '25, of Forest Hills, L. I.; John E. Utter, '25, of Brooklyn, and Donald V. Weaver, '25, of Whitestone, L. I. Gray won the scholarship named in memory of Edward S. Thompson and Weaver won that in memory of Amory G. Hodges, former president of the New York Harvard Club.

Six New York State men, by virtue of scholarship of high distinction, won "first group" scholarships after their records for the last year in all their courses were carefully inspected and the question of their fitness was submitted to every one of their teachers. They are Marshall H. Stone, '23, Sidney J. Feltenstein, '24, and John J. Sack, '24, of New York city; Henry J. Prioleau, '23, of Elmira; Charles A. Speer, '22, of Woodhaven, and George W. Woodworth, '24, of Cazenovia. Sack got the Abbott scholarship and Woodworth the Farrar scholarship. The others received honorary John Harvard scholarships.

The other New York winners are Lawrence J. Abbott, '24, of Cornwall-on-Hudson; Mortimer L. Anson, '25, of New York city; Richard C. Boettcher, '23, of Bronxville; Robert F. Doolittle, '23, of New York city; Walcott B. Dunham, '24, of New York city; Marvin F. Fackler, '24, of Buffalo; Walter J. Fackler, '24, of Lawrence, L. I.; Martin Grabau, '23, of Buffalo; Robert M. Grogan, '24, of Herkimer; Ernest R. Hahlelt, '23, of New York city; George N. Kates, '22, of New York city; Nelson K. Richman, '23, of New York city; Murray Campbell, Jr., engineering, '25, of North Syracuse; Harding T. Mason, '25, of New York city; Oviatt McConnell, '24, of Buffalo; Harold D. Miller, '25, of Flushing, L. I.; Kenneth O. Mott-Smith, '22, of Schenectady; Philip W. Muller, engineering, '24, of New Rochelle, and George W. Towler, engineering, '23, of New Rochelle.

Seventy-five of the 309 scholarships were honorary and without stipend. The other 234 men won financial aid varying from \$10 to \$800 apiece. Thirty-two of the winners hold scholarships offered by Harvard clubs in various parts of the United States, including three especially designed for men from distant parts of the country and awarded by the associated Harvard clubs to Abner K. Burr, '25, of Huron, S. D.; Felix J. Elmaier, '25, of Phoenix, Ariz.; and Thomas C. Van Stone, engineering, '25, of Santa Fe, N. M.

**MOTHER'S PLEA DENIED
BY PLAINFIELD'S BOARD**

She Requested New Inquiry
Into Son's Death.

The Board of Education of Plainfield, N. J., announced last night that it had denied the application of Mrs. Irene Canary of Munson place, Plainfield, for another inquiry into the circumstances attending the death of her son, Frederick, 10 years old, William C. Gehard of Jersey City, attorney for Mrs. Canary, told the board that he would take the matter up with the State school board.

MONTREAL'S LONGEST SEASON.

Navigation of St. Lawrence Open Since March 20.

MONTREAL, Dec. 14.—The arrival here last night on the steamship George W. Clyde, from Philadelphia, made 1921 the longest season of navigation in the history of the port. When the first steamship docked here this year on March 29 it constituted the earliest opening of the port for seventy years. The season usually closes the first week in December.

The Clyde experienced little difficulty in navigating the St. Lawrence River, but special precautions were taken to keep the Lachine Canal open for the first leg of her inland voyage to Chicago.

ESTRADA IN OREGON CABINET.

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 14 (Associated Press).—Gen. Enrique Estrada, announcing himself as in accord with President Obregon's agrarian programme, has formally accepted the President's offer of the portfolio of Secretary of Agriculture. Gen. Estrada recently made a statement pointing out alleged defects in the administration of the agrarian law under former Secretary Villareal.

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**SUES ITALIAN HUSBAND
WHO WON HER BY MAIL**


Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD. STRATFORD, Dec. 14.—Signora Giovanna Battista Del Oasi, formerly Miss Laura Van Kuren of Syracuse, has brought suit for divorce in the Italian courts from her husband, a nephew of Francesco Nitti. This information is revealed in letters received by Miss Van Kuren's friends here.

The couple met in Italy ten years ago, when Miss Van Kuren was studying to fit herself for the grand opera stage. As she was walking to her room one day she dropped a rose, which a young soldier picked up. An introduction followed, after which she gave her lessons in Italian. He begged her to marry him when she left, but she refused, preferring her opera career.

On her return to the United States weakness resulting from an illness prevented her further study, and she took up teaching on the faculty of the College of Fine Arts, Syracuse University. Signor Del Oasi started a courtship by mail and last June Miss Van Kuren went there and became his bride.

CHARGE NURSE WITH MURDER.

DALLAS, Dec. 14.—Formal charges of murder under Federal statutes were filed to-day against Miss Jeanne Lamore, war nurse, who shot and killed Mrs. Cooker, negro, when he attacked her in the Federal Building here last night. Many persons called at the city detective headquarters, where the girl is held technically under arrest, offering to aid in making her bond.



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